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AMENDMENT

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Applicants: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYC111558  
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Title: UNITARY STRATIFIED COMPOSITE

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 15

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's action mailed August 9, 2001 (Paper No. 15), please enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-26, 31-33, and 62-77 are pending in the application. The Examiner has stated that Claims 1, 6-26, and 62-77 are pending and are subject to an election of species requirement. The Examiner is requested to review the pending claims and agree that Claims 1, 6-26, 31-33, and 62-77 are pending.

The pending claims all relate to a composite having two strata and an intermediate transition zone. The first stratum includes first fibers and a binder, and the second stratum includes second fibers and a binder. Claim 62 is representative of the invention.

For the sole purpose of furthering prosecution of the application, applicants hereby elect with traverse the following composite:

First fibers:	synthetic fibers, specifically polyethylene terephthalate fibers
First binder:	bicomponent binding fibers
Second fibers:	cellulosic fibers, specifically crosslinked fibers
Second binder:	wet strength agent

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